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# Weekly Views

Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) Superintendent Steve McCauley, Assistant Superintendent LaShelle Turner, and Volunteer Coordinator Tammy Atwood were invited to attend a luncheon with Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard. The topic of discussion was the Indiana Supreme Court's Judges Summer Teacher's Workshop "From the Inside Out: How Indiana's Courts Work".

The Plainfield Correctional Facility received new residents this week, five ICAN puppies. The pups will remain at this facility for one to two years to be trained by the offender dog handlers on how to become service dogs for persons with physical and mental handicaps. The pups will receive their initial training at Plainfield and will then be moved to other facilities throughout the state to receive their final training before they are assigned to a person who needs them. In April, the facility's GRIP unit held a fundraiser for the ICAN program, donating approximately \$4,000. Due to the amount of the donation, the facility was given the privilege of naming one of the new puppies. "Smitty" was named in honor of our superintendant, Brian Smith. (see photo of Smitty below)



The first graduation of the National Institute of Corrections' (NIC) "Offender Workforce Development Specialists" training program was held at the Correctional Training Institute. PEN Products, in a cooperative agreement with NIC, sponsored the three week course which began in March of this year. The 29 graduates represented a wide array of agencies, including IDOC, Community Corrections, and faith-based and non-profit re-entry service providers. Participants completed 180 hours of course work including two lengthy practicum assignments. Congratulations to the graduates!

During the Employer Support of the Guard Reserves (ESGR) annual awards banquet, Putnamville Correctional Facility received the "Secretary of Defense Freedom" award and the "Above and Beyond" award. The awards were in recognition of the facility's outstanding service and continuing support of military employees. Putnamville Assistant Superintendent Tim Phegley, Correctional Captain John Steckler and Human

Resource Generalist Kathy Goss accepted the awards on behalf of the facility. Superintendent Stanley Knight expressed his gratitude for the recognition and for the opportunity to serve those who serve our country.

The Westville Correctional Facility hosted its annual Family Day Open House. The event, coordinated by the facility's Planning Committee, offered a variety of activities: lunch, E-Squad demonstrations, vendors, tours, elephant ears, and games for the kids. Members of the Planning Committee admit that seeing the delightful faces of the attendees is the reward for their hard work.

Two Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility students were escorted off grounds to complete a Restorative Justice Project at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter.

Branchville Correctional Facility would like to congratulate three recent promotions to sergeant: Sergeant Shelly Adams-Brown, Sergeant Dennise Garrison, and Sergeant Shannon Lehmkueller.

Miami Correctional Facility held its annual Family Fun Day with a Hawaiian Luau. Staff and their families were treated to grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, a bouncy castle, water slide, children's games, adult tricycle races, pony rides, and demonstrations by Miami's K-9 unit and E-squad. About 200 staff and family enjoyed the windy day.

The Kairos Prison Ministry Organization began a four day program at the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF). The event will involve participation by approximately 40 Kairos volunteers and 36 PCF offenders.

Charles E. Oberlie, Michigan City Mayor, thanked the Indiana State Prison Community Assistance program for the services provided to the city. A work crew from the program recently cleaned up the medians and shoulders of a very important corridor leading into Michigan City. Mayor Oberlie stated in a letter to the Superintendent, "You and your staff have time and again responded in a positive fashion to assist our city workforce and address many longstanding issues".

IWP hosted a tour for students participating in the Indiana Supreme Court's Summer Teachers Workshop "From the Inside Out: How Indiana's Courts Work". Superintendent Steve McCauley, Assistant Superintendent Ron Allen and Program Director Tim Horan lead the tour through the offender dorms, Wee One's Nursery, ICAN Training and educational programs. The event closed with a light lunch presented by the facility's Culinary Arts Program.